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Source made the following comments on the possibility of Soviet-US talks on the subject of limiting weapons of mass destruction and possible peacetime use of atomic power, prior to Soviet UN delegate Andrey Ya. Vyshinskiy's speech of 30 September 1954:

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a. The USSR will never participate in any real program for the limitation of atom bombs or hydrogen bombs, because of the inspection clause that the US insists on including in any such agreement. Soviet sovereignty and internal security, although of sufficient importance in themselves to the Soviets, are not the controlling factors in the Soviet objection to the inspection of atomic stockpiles by foreigners. The real Soviet fear is that the West will realize how weak the USSR is in atomic potential.

b. Conversely, when the USSR does agree to the inspection of atomic weapons stockpiling, then the West had better take heed, for the USSR will by then have achieved its desired level of military striking power, and the next step will be an all-out offensive war against the West, chiefly the US and the United Kingdom.

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